Second Member of Council.

The meaning of the interpellation referred to, section A (1), is not the same as that of the supplemental question now asked. We will never say that there never have been arbitrary assessments. Government have taken necessary action to remove any such, and a copy of the Government Order on the subject is placed on the table. If any cases of arbitrary assessment in future are brought to notice needful steps will be taken to afford relief to the parties.

MR. HOSAKOPPA KRISHNA RAO, KOPPA TALUK.—

Q.—36. (*a*) Have the Government perused the article published in the "Mysore Chronicle" regarding the grievances of the High School teachers?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table, the several orders passed by the Inspector-General of Education relating to the matter of deciding seniority and promotion of officers in the Education Department since 1917 and in particular, orders passed on 30th October 1920, 10th March 1921 and 27th September 1923 and will the Government be pleased to state the principles governing appointments, seniority and promotion in graded appointments.

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state why the following officers Messrs. R. K. Sangameswara Iyer, K. Venkataswami Iyer, Pranatharthihara Iyer, K. N. Kini and Abdul Gaffor appointed on intermediate or minimum salaries since July 1917 are made to supersede a number of senior officers of about 15 years standing who earned the grade on Rs. 75—10—125 even so long back as 1st January 1914?

(*d*) Are the Government aware that the supersession by the above said officers is inconsistent with the principle followed hitherto in the matter of seniority and promotion to Rs. 150 and 175 and also strictly observed during the time of the late Inspector-General of Education in all cases of confirmation, promotion and grading according to seniority?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

A.—The attention of the member is drawn to the reply given to Interpellation No. 17.

MESSRS. HOSAKOPPA KRISHNA RAO AND JAMMATIGE SHAMA JOIS, KOPPA TALUK.—

Q.—37. (*a*) Has the attention of Government been drawn to the frequent derailments and consequent irregularity of the Tramway service between Tarikere and Narasimharajapura?

(*b*) Has the Government realised the amount of hardship and inconvenience caused to the public?

(*c*) Have any steps been taken to remedy the evil? If any, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table in detail the action taken in this behalf to ensure convenience and comfort to the travelling public?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(*a*) Yes. There have been four derailments during the last six months.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. Rs. 76,000 have been expended in improving sharp curves, providing additional sleepers and strengthening bridges. Further works to the value of Rs. 20,000 are on hand. Government do not consider it necessary to place on the table technical details regarding these various improvements as they are not of general interest.

MESSRS. HOSAKOPPA KRISHNA RAO AND JAMMATIGE SHAMA JOIS, KOPPA TALUK.—

Q.—38. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:—

(*a*) The number of applications received from individuals applying for permission to edit and publish newspapers in Mysore from the beginning of January 1923 to the end of January 1924?

(*b*) The names of persons who have applied for such permissions with dates, the number responded and those for which reply is still pending?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(*a*) 24.

(*b*) A statement is placed on the table.